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SUBJ: 11TH SCM

1. SUMMARY: BOTH ROK AND UNC PLANNERS ARE VISIBLY ENGAGED
IN CONSIDERING POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE UPCOMING SCM,
BUT LARGER SEEMS TO BE MEAGER. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN REVIEWING A CONSIDERABLE NUMBER OF
DRAFT PAPERS FOR SCM. NONE OF THEM APPEAR TO CONTAIN ANY
NEW DEPARTURES AND ARE BASICALLY REPETITION OF THOUGHTS AND
PROGRAMS PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON. IN A CONVERSATION OVER THE
WEEKEND WITH CHARGE, THE CHIEF ROK PLANNER CONFIRMED THAT
HE, TOO, WAS AT A LOSS TO THINK OF ANYTHING NEW TO DISCUSS.

3. FROM THAT CONVERSATION AND OTHER BITS OF EVIDENCE WE
HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN, WE THINK THE ROKG WILL WISH IN THE
COMMUNIQUE TO HAVE REFERENCE TO THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

A. RECONFIRMATION OF THE US COMMITMENT.

B. CONFIRMATION THAT ROKG IS COVERED BY THE US "NUCLEAR
UMBRELLA". (THE ROK PLANNERS WISH TO HAVE SOME MENTION
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MADE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WHICH CHARGE FLATLY REJECTED.)

C. REASSURANCE THAT THE COMPENSATORY PACKAGES WOULD BE
PROVIDED "IN ADVANCE OF AND PARALLEL TO" GROUND TROOP
WITHDRAWALS. (COMMENT: HOPEFULLY THIS WILL BE NON-
ISSUE IF CONGRESS HAS EITHER APPROVED OR IS STILL CON-
SIDERING BY THE END OF JULY THE ADMINISTRATION'S

COMPENSATORY PACKAGE REQUEST. IF CONGRESS HAS REJECTED THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL, WE MAY WELL HAVE SOME PROBLEMS WITH THIS ISSUE.)

D. ROKG WOULD HOPE THAT NO MENTION BE MADE OF TROOP WITHDRAWALS IN THE COMMUNIQUE IN ORDER TO KEEP NORTH KOREA UNCERTAIN ABOUT US INTENTIONS.

E. SPECIFIC MENTION OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMBINED FORCES COMMAND WITH ROKG, UNDOUBTEDLY HOPING THAT A SPECIFIC INITIATION DATE COULD BE ESTABLISHED IN THE COMMUNIQUE.

4. THE ONLY SPECIFIC SUBJECTS THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE MIGHT BE DISCUSSED IN THE SCM ITSELF CONCERN THE SECOND AND THIRD WITHDRAWAL STAGES, THE F-16 SALES AND PERHAPS THE ROKG PURCHASE OF TWO SUPPLUS US SUBMARINES. (THIS LAST ISSUE IS STILL BEING DEBATED IN MND AND IT DOES NOT YET HAVE FULL BLUE HOUSE APPROVAL.)

5. PERHAPS OF GREATER INTEREST TO US WILL BE THE MEETING OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE WHICH IS BEING PROPOSED FOR THE DAY FOLLOWING THE SCM. THE MILITARY COMMITTEE IS TO BE ESTABLISHED IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMBINED FORCES COMMAND AND IS THE BODY WHICH PROVIDES STRATEGIC POLICY TO THE CFC. THE ROK STAFF BELIEVES THAT WITHOUT CONFIDENTIAL

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THE MILITARY COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE SUCH GUIDANCE, THE CFC CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED. IT MAY BE ROKG'S HOPE THAT AT THIS MILITARY COMMITTEE MEETING, OFFICIAL BLESSING CAN BE GIVEN TO OP PLAN 5027. ALTHOUGH THIS OP PLAN IS FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES AN ESTABLISHED FACT, IT HAS NEVER BEEN APPROVED BY US AND ROK IS, UNDOUBTEDLY, ANXIOUS TO OBTAIN SUCH BLESSING.

6. IF THERE ARE ANY PARTICULAR SUBJECTS THE DEPARTMENT IS INTERESTED IN HAVING RAISED AT THE SCM, PLEASE ADVISE US AND WE WILL TRY TO GET IT ON THE AGENDA.
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